

APPLICATION  
Docket No: 15621.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	)	
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Byron Merrell et al.	)	
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Serial No.:	10/767,838	) Art Unit
		) 1764
Filed:	January 29, 2004	)
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Confirmation No.:	2983	)
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For:	RETORT HEATING APPARATUS	)
	AND METHODS	)
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Examiner:	Alexis A. Wachtel	)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated March 10, 2006, in the above-identified patent application be extended for two-month until August 10, 2006.

Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$225.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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